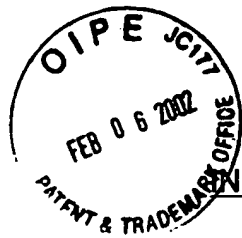


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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The Applicants submit this paper in response to the January 8, 2002 Office Action, which set a one month shortened period of response extending to and including February 8, 2002. Prior to addressing the substance of the Office Action, the Applicants request that the following amendments be entered into the case. The Applicants specifically request that the application be amended as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Replace the second paragraph on page 1 beginning on line 9, with the following paragraph.

A1 The present invention relates generally to intravascular catheters for performing medical procedures. More particularly, the present invention relates to shaft assemblies for use in intravascular catheters. Still, more particularly, the present invention relates to catheter shaft assemblies for use in injection catheters.